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PRESS RELEASE

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RE: UNITED STATES v. DONALD D'ANGELO

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that Donald D'Angelo, 41, of Buffalo, New York, was sentenced today by United States District Judge John T. Elfvin. D'Angelo pled guilty on August 1, 2003, to a felony count of access device fraud.

Assistant U.S. Attorney MaryEllen Kresse said D'Angelo was sentenced to 36 months incarceration with credit for 22 months already served on a sentence imposed on a related conviction in New York State Supreme Court for filing a false credit application. He has thirteen more months to serve in prison on his federal sentence. Judge Elfvin also ordered D'Angelo to pay restitution of \$454,654.17.

Ms. Kresse said that from November 2001 to March 2002, D'Angelo obtained credit cards from more than ten financial institutions, using the names and personal information of other persons, including family members. He then used the fraudulently obtained credit cards to obtain goods, services and money in an amount of approximately \$355,000. During the same time period, D'Angelo fraudulently obtained two commercial loans from

Key Bank, again using the personal information of other people. He then failed to make payments on the loans, resulting in a loss to Key Bank of approximately \$100,000.

D'Angelo's conviction grew out of an investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Mike Bryant, the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of Assistant Inspector in Charge Thomas Shipley, and the Social Security Administration, Office of the Inspector General, under the direction of Assistant Special Agent in Charge Stephen Petro.

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